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THE U.S. ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND'S WEEKLY NEWS WRAP-UP



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Army seeks safe Soldier solutions through basic research

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Imagine a check point where Soldiers don't have to walk up to a vehicle that's been rigged to explode, but instead, they can detect the explosives at safe, standoff distances.

Army links tactical radios, chat services with commercial communications

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- Army researchers have linked tactical radios and military chat systems with cell phones, instant messaging and other commercial communications technologies as part of a wide-ranging effort to streamline collaboration across the force.

New dawn for ammunition as Iraq drawdown hits full steam

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq -- On time, every time. That is the promise of the Joint Munitions Command and from all accounts it is living up to its word supplying the warfighter with ammunition during combat.

When it's broken Soldiers get hands-on help from experts

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq -- What do you do when your washing machine dies in the middle of the Iraq desert? When Soldiers in the field experience machine failure they call a LAR: logistics assistance representative. They are technical experts who deploy with the warfighter to resolve issues and fix all sorts of equipment.

Soldiers make the MOST out of Training at Crane Army

CRANE, Ind. -- More than 80 U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 395th Ordnance Company received important training at Crane Army Ammunition Activity July 25 -30 which directly related to the missions specific skills needed for when they deploy.

Army readies for next major network exercise

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- With its first Network Integration Evaluation in the rear-view mirror, the Army is gearing up for the next installment in a series of major field exercises designed to rapidly advance its tactical network.

ACC provides contracting support to Rapid Trident 11

YAVORIV, Ukraine -- The U.S. Army Contracting Command's 409th Contracting Support Brigade and 903rd Contingency Contracting Battalion provided various contracting support to Rapid Trident 2011.

ECBC interns aid in recruiting aspiring scientists

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. -- U.S. Army engineering interns are using their expertise to boost student interest in science and technology.

Letterkenny Army Depot Awarded Seventh Shingo Medallion

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. -- Colonel Cheri Provancha, Letterkenny Commander, informed the workforce on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 that the Aviation Ground Power Unit (AGPU) rebuild program was selected to receive the Shingo prize for Excellence in Manufacturing, Bronze Medallion.

MICC explores space in latest recruiting

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas -- Capitalizing on a pool of trained space shuttle employees, Mission and Installation Contracting Command recruiters took part in a job fair Aug. 2 in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

401st Army Field Support Brigade named DLA DOD Customer of the Year

IRAQ -- The 401st Army Field Support Brigade was named Defense Logistics Agency's Department of Defense Customer of the year in a ceremony held June 28 in Columbus, Ohio during the DLA Industry Conference and Exhibition. Mark W. Akin, 401st Army Field Support Brigade, deputy to

Spotlight On...Master Sgt. Richard Vokes

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala. -- Master Sgt. Richard A. Vokes is a contracting officer under the construction branch with the U.S. Central Command - Contracting Command stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Army civilian helping poor and needy

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq -- An Army civilian, born in Peru and now serving in Iraq, has a passion for helping the poor and needy. For his efforts, he was selected as a 2011 winner of the National Image Meritorious Civilian Award.

Eleven graduate from Quality Assurance

FORT DIX, N.J. -- Eleven quality assurance specialists graduated from the Army Contracting Command's Quality Assurance Intern Program here July 28.

News from around the Army

- **3rd ID honors 'Dog Face Soldiers' at Arlington ceremony**
- **Afghan, coalition forces prevent mosque attack**
- **Third Army conducts force-readiness exercise**
- **Equipment prepared for turn-in by 'Griffin' Battalion Soldiers**

News from around DOD

- **New task force to promote energy initiatives**
- **VA outlines October changes in Post-9/11 GI bill**
- **Wounded Warrior complex symbolizes covenant, Stanley says**
- **'Military Line' works to boost financial fitness**

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